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# PROPOSED INCORPORATION OF THE VILLAGE OF OXFORD AS A HOME RULE CITY

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Re:

SBC Docket #06-I-3

Proposed Incorporation of the

Village of Oxford as a Home Rule City

Dear Ms. Holmes:

On behalf of the Village of Oxford, the Petitioner, Steve Allen, and the Citizens of the Village of Oxford, I wish to take this opportunity to advise you and the Commission that, as Special Counsel for the Incorporation Effort, I reiterate the strong support of the above mentioned parties to provide an opportunity for the Citizens of the Village of Oxford to decide by Village Election this manner of government.

We look forward to the Hearing on December 13, 2007. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me, I remain,

Sincerely yours,

THOMAS J. KYAN Special Counsel

TJR:slp (Faxed)

cc: Steve Allen, Petitioner

Joe Young, Village Manager



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Docket #06-1-3

Dear Sir or Madam:

I am writing this letter in opposition to the Village of Oxford becoming a city. Our legal counsel, William Fahey from Foster, Swift, did a wonderful job in revealing how the cityhood petition was and is not particularly resident driven. There were continual deficiencies detailed throughout the entire signature-gathering process, especially as pertains to the maps circulated to potential cityhood signers.

In fact, the petition drive was partially led by one individual, who is no longer an Oxford Village resident and another that was soundly defeated by Oxford Village voters at the polls. As a Village resident, I personally see absolutely no benefit to the Village becoming a city.

In fact, a majority of the new Oxford Village Council have stated publicly that they are not in favor of cityhood and would prefer to remain a Village. Most are looking for additional ways to cooperate and share governmental services, which is a must in this age of severely declining revenues.

The Charter Township of Oxford is interested in further cooperation, understanding and building for the future and not trying to further split and divide our wonderful community.

If you have any further questions or would like additional information, please feel free to contact me at (248)-628-9787, ext. 109 or by email at <a href="mailto:Ranger810@vahoo.com">Ranger810@vahoo.com</a>. Thank you very much for your time.

Sincerely,

William Dunn, Supervisor Oxford Charter Township